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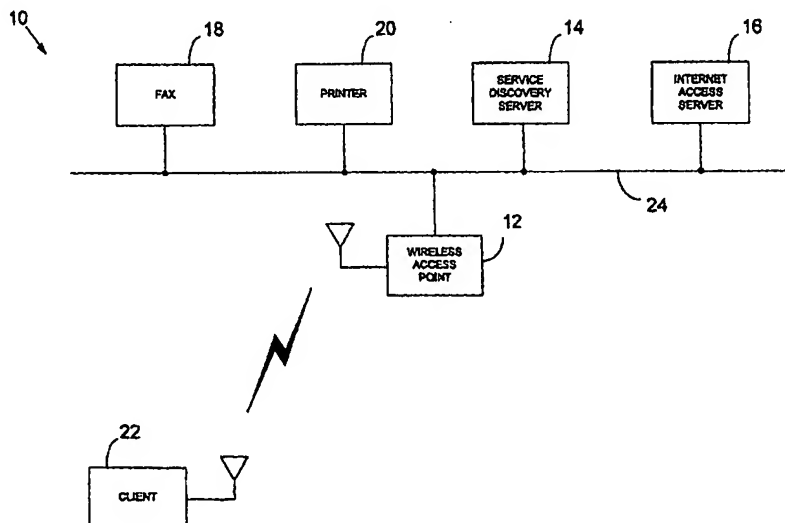
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(57) Abstract: A wireless local area network (WLAN) comprises - a wireless access point including a memory to store information relating to services available in an associated network, a wireless transceiver to provide wireless communication with one or more wireless client devices and a controller to generate a services availability signal using information from said memory and to cause said wireless transceiver to transmit said services availability signal; and - a wireless client device that receives the services availability signal from said wireless transceiver of said wireless access point and displays network service information to a user of the wireless client device based thereon.

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1.1. claims: 1,2,11-17,27-36

receiving service availability information from a service discovery server at a wireless access point and storing said information in a memory of said wireless access point

1.2. claims: 3-10,38

characteristics of a services signal comprising service : availability information transmitted from a wireless access point

2. claims: 18-26, 37

receiving and processing service availability information received at a wireless client device during power save mode

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